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| In re Application of:   | )                            |
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| HIROSHI TANIUCHI, ET AL.  | : Examiner: Henok D. Legesse |
| Application No.: 10/561,528   | : Group Art Unit: 2861       |
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| For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, INTERMEDIATE TRANSFER BODY, AND METHOD OF MODIFYING SURFACE OF INTERMEDIATE | ;<br>;<br>)<br>;             |
| TRANSFER BODY   | : December 22, 2008          |

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

## **Introductory Comments**

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: